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INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Bolivia*, Cameroon*, Cyprus*, Ethiopia, Georgia*, Greece*, Pakistan* and Russian Federation: proposed amendment to draft decision 11 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination of Minorities "Study on indigenous land rights"

Replace the text of the draft decision by:

"The Commission on Human Rights, taking note of resolution 1996/38 of 29 August 1996 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, approves the appointment of Mrs. Erica-Irene Daes as Special Rapporteur to prepare, from within existing resources, a working paper on indigenous people and their relationship to land with a view to suggesting practical measures to address ongoing problems in this regard. The Commission requests the Special Rapporteur: (a) to submit a preliminary working paper to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at its fifteenth session and to the Sub-Commission at its forty-ninth session; (b) to transmit the working paper to Governments and indigenous organizations for their views which the Special Rapporteur should take into account inter alia in preparing her final working paper; (c) to submit her final work

* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

paper to the Working Group at its sixteenth session and to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session. The Commission requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with the assistance necessary to enable her to complete her working paper, and recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

'The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1997/... of ... April 1997, endorses the appointment of Ms. Erica-Irene Daes as Special Rapporteur to prepare a working paper on indigenous people and their relationship to land with a view to suggesting practical measures to address ongoing problems in this regard, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance necessary, from within existing resources, to enable her to complete her work.'"
